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There is nothing more valuable to families than time together. And yet it seems tougher than ever to find, with so many of us living such busy lives. That's why, on the third Monday of every February Ontarians celebrate a public holiday-- Family Day.



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The Pansification of Chili Competitions?

Heating Things Up in Preparation of Minden's Winterfest

A new announcement has thrown another wrench into an event that has already been plagued with controversy. Leading up to this year's competition there have already been accusations of cheating, bribery as well as potential steroid use. In the latest development, Rick Cox, Director of Community Services for the Township of Minden Hills has announced that the upcoming Chili Competition, part of the Minden Winterfest, will be violence free.

"This is a family event, designed for the Family Day Weekend," said Mr. Cox. "We're trying to appeal to people of all ages. We're trying to encourage the youth of today to look at cooking and cook-offs as safe and non-violent." Last year's event saw an unprecedented amount of injuries, including at least one hospitalization.

Competitors have had mixed reactions to the announcement. One of the most vocal in opposition to the new changes is Shawn Chamberlain, owner of the Dominion Hotel. "It's just a pansification of the sport of chili cook-offs, and cook-offs in general," said Chamberlain. "Spitting, punching and throwing things are all a part of chili cook-offs. It's a part of our history, our culture. It's what the fans want to see, what they expect to see, and what I plan to give them!"

Another competitor, Dave Allen, agrees. "I have to say that with all due respect to Mr. Cox, he's really over-reacting. I mean, what's one fatality, really? And that guy was, like, at least 80. He was going to

go sometime."

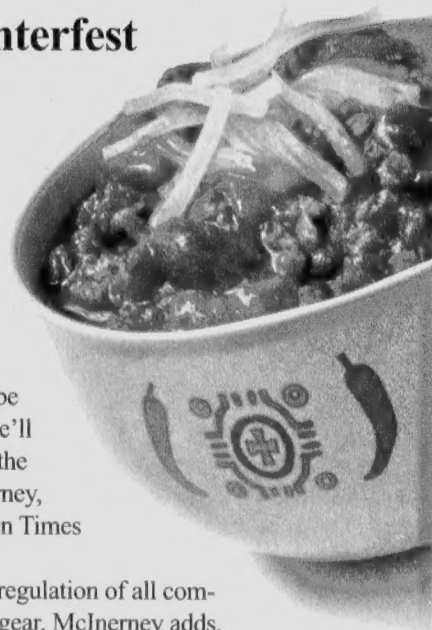
Theories about the root of the new decision are focusing on the fact that Ontario Progressive Conservative Party Leader John Tory will be part of the competition. "The way I see it, they're afraid that there's going to be some kind of big do, and we'll embarrass them in front of the media," says Molly McInerney, representative of the Minden Times Chili Team.

Alluding to the proposed regulation of all competitors wearing protective gear, McInerney adds, "But I don't care, I'm not wearing a helmet. I haven't worn one in 25 years of cook-offs, and I don't intend to start now."

Joanna Penfold, leader of the Minden Rotary Club team is more understanding of the new regulations. "Violence really has been a big part of the competition in the past, but I can see how they're trying to teach the young people," says Penfold. "Either way, I'm ready. I can play nice. Unless those boys get out of hand! Bring on the cage match. I can take them!"

There are only 10 days before the 2009 competition, and, at this point, anything can happen.

The Chili Competition takes place on Sunday, February 15 from 3-6 p.m., at the Minden Community Centre, as part of Winterfest Minden. For more information, visit www.minden150.ca.



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Make sure to reserve early because this fundraiser always sells out early!

Advance tickets are only \$25 and the cost at the door is \$30. For more information or to purchase your ticket(s) contact Carm Sawyer at 705 754-9454 or 705 754-9454.

Minden Will Be Abuzz on Family Day Weekend

Chili Contest, Free Hockey Games, Snow Art and More for Winterfest 09!

Taking advantage of the Family Day civic holiday in February, Winterfest Minden is an excellent opportunity for families to be active and have some fun together. Look forward to plenty of activities scheduled for all three days of the long weekend. (Saturday, Feb. 14 – Monday, Feb. 16).

If you like chili and want to be a part of a tasty (and at times spicy) event, you won't want to miss the Winterfest Chili contest on Sunday, Feb. 15. This year's competition will be fierce, with defending champion Granny's Fish & Chips being challenged by a number of excellent teams. Not to mention, PC candidate John Tory will be serving up his entry, while downtown Minden bragging rights are going to be contested between the Rockcliffe Hotel, the Dominion Hotel Pub and the Grill on the Gull Restaurant. Other confirmed contestants include: Dave Allen (CANOE-FM), the Agricultural Society, the Rotary Club, the Minden Times, the County Voice. To wash that chili down, Lakes of Muskoka Cottage Brewery will provide samples of their beer during the contest. The Chili Contest will be held at the Community Centre from 3pm-6pm. Cost is \$5 for five samples, drink & bun. Proceeds will go to the Minden Sesquicentennial.

After you've tried the chili, stick around for a Minden River Kings game against the Innisfil Lakers. Game-time is set for 6 p.m. **ADMISSION IS FREE!** – So let's show these guys how much we love hockey in Haliburton County!

Can yellow snow be art? Sure, if it's paint. Try snow painting at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery Saturday, Feb. 14, from 1 – 3 p.m. on the museum grounds. Snow gear is recommended and creativity is required! Paint supplied and hot chocolate too - but not to paint with!

On both Saturday and Sunday, check out the CASC Magnum Ice Racing at the Fairgrounds. In this annual tradition, cars slip and slide around an icy track as they vie to outdo one another. The sport of ice racing started in Ontario more than forty years ago, and it continues to thrive as an inexpensive, fun part of the Ontario motorsport scene.

Start off your day right on the final day of the Family Weekend (Monday) with a pancake breakfast from 8:30 – 11 a.m., and then join in for a whole day of activities and contests including minnow races, the biggest bubble-gum bubble contest, sleigh rides, and more. Also, skate outside on the ice racing track all day or join the Minden



River Kings inside from 10 a.m.-12. The River Kings will also be holding a shooting clinic from 2-3 p.m. A helmet, gloves, stick and skates required.

Thanks go to all sponsors of the event including: Winterfest Minden - Minden on the Move, Health 4 Life, Active 2010, Beaverbrook Golf Club, Stedman's, Minden Kin Club, the Minden Times, the Township of Minden Hills and more.

For more information or to volunteer your help please call Rick Cox, Director of Community Services at 705 286-1260 extension 220.



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February 13-15

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May Mortgage Services

Spotlight On Business

By Mark Arike

Looking for a Mortgage with a Great Rate?

May Mortgage Services Can Help Get You to Where You Want to Be

In the market for a mortgage but don't know where to begin? Worried that poor credit or no credit might have you turned away?

At May Mortgage Services, located at 2504 Blairhampton Rd. in Minden, two local experts can answer your most pressing questions, address those concerns and help guide you along the right path to obtaining a mortgage of your very own on a home, cottage or other property.

Together, Ron May and Dale Bull bring years of experience and a wealth of knowledge to the table in the business of borrowing. Through their profession, both are adamant about looking after the needs of each person they serve in order to help them meet their goals.

May Mortgage Services was first opened up by Ron on June 26th of 1996, shortly after he moved to the area from Uxbridge.

"I worked at General Motors in the benefit plans department and also ran a farm," he explained. "When the opportunity arose to sell the farm I did and moved up with my wife Jean."



For years, Ron already had owned a cottage on Kashagawimog Lake and his wife's family also had a cottage on Soyers Lake. For his first two years in the area, Ron worked for a mortgage broker before deciding to become licensed and open his own business.

Becoming licensed gave Ron the ability to use any institution or private lender in Canada or the United States to acquire a loan for a mortgagor. Simply put, a broker acts as an intermediary who sells mortgage loans on behalf of individuals or businesses.

Over the many years that Ron ran the business on his own, he was often in contact with Dale who worked at TD Bank in Minden at the time. The two found themselves referring business back and forth to one another on many occasions.

"For several years I worked there and the positions I held included personal loans/mortgage officer and small business advisor," said Dale. "If I wasn't able to get deals approved at the bank for someone, I felt quite comfortable recommending them over to Ron for private loans."

For a majority of her life, Dale has lived in Haliburton County. Her family permanently moved to the area from Toronto when she was 10 to the spot they cottedaged at on Kushog Lake. She attended Archie Stouffer Elementary School and also went to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS).

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Before getting into providing financial services, Dale held significant positions in the hospitality industry. In her post secondary studies she went to Georgian College where she received a diploma in the resort and hotel management program. Between 1994 and 2005, she was the General Manager of the Wigamog Inn Resort and from 2000 to 2007, her and her husband Eldon were owners and operators of the Haliburton Highlands Golf Course.

She decided to join May Mortgage Services in September of last year. Dale recalled a conversation she had with Ron that played a role in convincing her to become a mortgage agent.

"I came out to visit him because he was able to send me some business, and vice versa, and he said, 'do you go out and see all of these people that can send you some business?' And I said, 'I go to see lots of people including realtors, and some clients, to drum up business for the bank.' That's when he said, 'you should be a mortgage agent!'"

And the rest was history. The two joined forces to provide mortgage services to those in Haliburton County and abroad.

One of the many areas that May Mortgage Services specializes in is cottage mortgages. According to their web site, 90 per cent of these mortgages are available for most situations including seasonal road, on piers, none winterized and boat access. Mortgages are also made available to first-time home buyers, those with large construction projects and for commercial properties.

After sitting down with a person who is looking for a mortgage, the process will reveal whether they are a good candidate for an institutional mortgage or are better suited to try and get a private lender. If the person has deficient credit, no credit, or is going after a property that is situated in a location that isn't municipally serviced and doesn't meet an institution's criteria, then a private loan is usually the way to go.

"What we look at for those going after a private mortgage is whether or not they have the ability to make the mortgage payment," said Ron.



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Ron and Dale agree that it's extremely rewarding to be able to track down a mortgage that's right for someone, especially in the case of a first-time mortgagor.

"One of the satisfying parts of our job is when we can help make life better for a lot of these people," said Ron.

In the past, requests made for mortgages have ranged anywhere from as little as \$10,000 and have gone up to as high as \$1.6 million. With May Mortgage Services, virtually any size of loan can be obtained when contact is made with the appropriate lender(s).

And though the economy is currently going through some turbulent times, business hasn't slowed down for Ron and Dale. In fact, it's been just as busy as ever, as most interest rates for borrowing have gone down.

"I'd say that private interest rates have been dropping and they're continuing to drop," explained Ron, while Dale added, "It's the same with institutional rates. Prime rate is at an all-time low so that brings all of the mortgage rates down."

Other services that Ron and Dale can provide assistance with include: debt consolidation, equity transfers, employment relocation, home improvements and business for self.

And if you can't make it out to their building in Minden for a consultation, Ron or Dale can make arrangements to come and see you.

So if you're looking to acquire that property you've been dreaming about, wish to put an end to throwing away your money on rent or want a mortgage for one of the many other reasons mentioned, don't hesitate to call Ron or Dale at 705 286-6808 or email them at dalebull@sympatico.ca or ron.may@explornet.com. As well, online mortgage applications are available at May Mortgage Services web site at www.haliburton-mortgages.com.

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Snow gear recommended - creativity required. Paint supplied. Hot chocolate too but not to paint with!

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Photo contest viewing at the Cultural Centre. See photo contest entries and vote for your favourite

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The cost is \$40 per team per game. You can sign up for multiple games.

We are hoping that teams sign up but we will also put together teams with individual entries at \$10 per person, per game.

If you do not have equipment just bring clean shoes.

Please register by Sunday, February 2nd so that the draws can be prepared.

Contact Lynda Litwin at 286-2911 ext 35,

email me at Lynda@remaxhaliburton.com or fax to 286-4825.



Chili Competition - Community Centre

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm - As part of our Minden Winterfest,

and our 150 Birthday celebrations,

Minden is having a Chili Competition on

Sunday, February 15th 3-6PM

at the Community Centre.

We've challenged a number of restaurants, organizations and groups to make and serve a chili at this friendly competition.

We expect 15-20 Chilis.

As an added value, one of our partners, Muskoka Cottage Brewery, will be doing a beer tasting at the same time. Proceeds raised will be donated to Minden's Sesquicentennial Committee to help fund Sesqui events.

Historically the chili competition has been a fun community event.

\$5 gets 5 samples of chili, drink, & dinner roll.

6:00 pm - Minden RiverKings home game - FREE ADMISSION

MONDAY EVENTS

8:00 am - 11:00 am - pancake breakfast

8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Photo Contest viewing/voting

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - public skating

9:00 am - 4:00 pm - indoor/outdoor winter fun activities (snowshoe frisbee golf, mini-golf, minnow races, tobogganing, more.)



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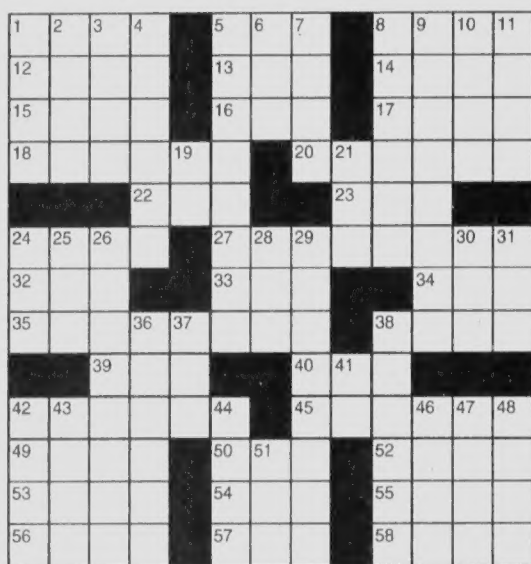
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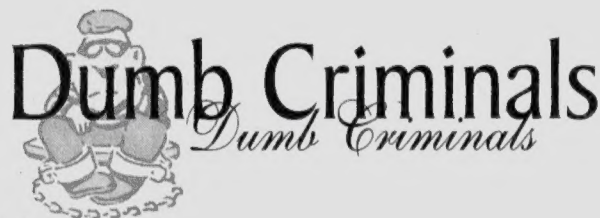
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Reduced sentence

A hotel cashier in Thailand was convicted of embezzling \$12,000 and sentenced to 865 years in prison. But because he cooperated with the court, his sentence was reduced to only 576 years.

You go your way and I'll go mine

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On Saturday, Feb. 21, participants in this popular annual tradition will gather token cards along the trail, which can be traded for a Poker hand upon return to the entrance point at the Haliburton Forest. The winning hand will ride away with the grand prize of a new sled worth \$8,500 from Prentice Power Sports in Minden.

Many other prizes will also be handed out during this event.

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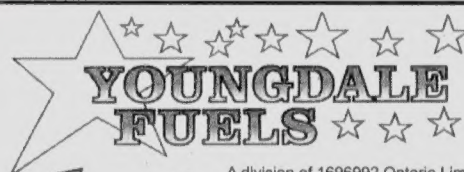
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I ran into a stranger as he passed by,
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 He said, "Please excuse me too;
 I wasn't watching for you."
 We were very polite, this stranger and I.
 We went on our way and we said goodbye.
 But at home a different story is told,
 How we treat our loved ones, young and old.
 Later that day, cooking the evening meal,
 My son stood beside me very still.
 When I turned, I nearly knocked him down.
 "Move out of the way," I said with a frown.
 He walked away, his little heart broken.
 I didn't realize how harshly I'd spoken.
 While I lay awake in bed, God's still small voice came to me and said,
 "While dealing with a stranger,
 common courtesy you use,
 but the family you love, you seem to abuse.
 Go and look on the kitchen floor,
 You'll find some flowers there by the door.
 Those are the flowers he brought for you.
 He picked them himself: pink, yellow and blue.
 He stood very quietly not to spoil the surprise,
 you never saw the tears that filled his little eyes."
 By this time, I felt very small,
 And now my tears began to fall.
 I quietly went and knelt by his bed;
 "Wake up, little one, wake up," I said.
 "Are these the flowers you picked for me?"
 He smiled, "I found 'em, out by the tree.
 I picked 'em because they're pretty like you.
 I knew you'd like 'em, especially the blue."
 I said, "Son, I'm very sorry for the way I acted today;
 I shouldn't have yelled at you that way."
 He said, "Oh, Mom, that's okay.
 I love you anyway."
 I said, "Son, I love you too,
 and I do like the flowers, especially the blue."



FAMILY

Are you aware that if we died tomorrow, the company that we are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days. But the family we left behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives.

And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more into work than into our own family, an unwise investment indeed, don't you think?

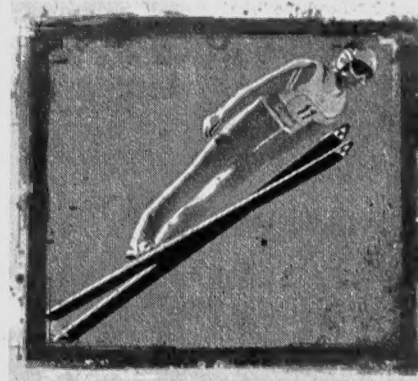
Do you know what the word FAMILY means?
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Scientifically Speaking

What When Where Why How



Why Do Ski Jumpers Almost Touch Their Noses to Their Skis When They're Soaring Through The Air?



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Made up of about 40 men, The Highlands Male Chorus will light up the stage at the Minden United Church on Saturday, Feb. 14 and at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 3 p.m.

Some of the songs the group will perform include Skip to My Lou, Unchained Melody, That'll Be the Day and Good Vibrations.

Tickets are still available for the shows and can be picked up Kitchens Etcetera in Haliburton and at Pharmasave in Minden. For more information call 705 457-4719.

About The Highlands Male Chorus

The beginning of the Chorus occurred when at a rehearsal of the Haliburton Messiah Choir the men sang an arrangement of Unchained Melody, and Bob Thompson, a choir member, said we needed to do something with that wonderful sound. The idea took hold and it was not long before a small group



approached Melissa Stephens, the conductor of the Choir, to ask her to conduct a new male chorus on the basis that the men would do all the work and organization. Betty Mills, an accomplished pianist, was then asked if she would be the accompanist. Both ladies agreed.

An organizational meeting was held on April 16, 2003 with Ron Clark, Bruce Doige, Melissa Stephens, Bob Thompson, Dick Thompson and Bill Wark. A temporary executive was formed, a logo was designed by Dick Thompson, rehearsal dates suggested and the work of finding members began.

On June 2, a general meeting with Melissa, Betty and 24 choristers was held. The name of Highlands Male Chorus was selected and rehearsal dates confirmed with the first rehearsal to take place on September 9, 2003. With the generous financial assistance of the Haliburton Messiah Choir and an invitation to open their November

2003 concert, the Highlands Male Chorus was born.

The chorus has performed at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in February of 2004 and 2005 and have had performances in Haliburton with The Concordia Choirs of Kitchener and the Hochdaler Male Chorus from Germany and in Lindsay with the Community Choir.

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The massive castle, which looks even larger because of its picturesque situation on the edge of a cliff, was supposedly built in 1446 by Cormac MacCarthy "the Strong", probably on the site of a castle occupied by the Lombards, whom the MacCarthys had displaced. It has an L-shaped plan with five storeys, the lower two being under a pointed vault with walls 12 feet thick; higher up the walls get thinner and the rooms bigger.

The building sequence is a little puzzling, but the slender tower containing the main stair and a tier of small rooms evidently predates the main block. The whole is crowned with high stepped battlements, projecting more than 2 feet beyond the walls and carried by long inverted pyramid corbels.

The Blarney Stone

The Blarney Stone is a stone set in the wall of the Blarney Castle tower in the Irish village of Blarney. Kissing the stone is supposed to bring the kisser the gift of persuasive eloquence (blarney). The origins of the Blarney Stone's magical properties aren't clear, one legend says that an old woman cast a spell on the stone to reward a king who had saved her from drowning. Kissing the stone while under the spell gave the king the ability to speak sweetly & convincingly. It's tough to reach the stone -- it's between the main castle wall & the parapet. Kissers have to lie on their back & bend backward, holding iron bars for support.



Pictured is someone kissing the Blarney Stone



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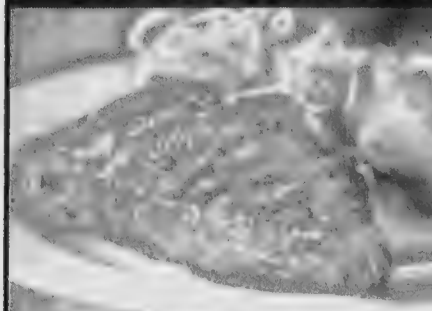
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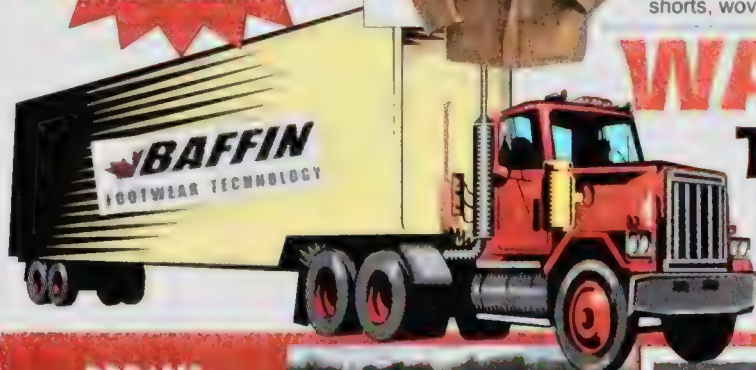
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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

At the turn of the century, some called the borough the melting pot, others called it Flatbush. Then, as now, it was officially known as Brooklyn.

In 1901, 19-year-old Florence Burns was introduced to Walter Brooks, a 20-year-old hoodlum who lived with his parents on Decatur St.

Walter was smitten. He fell hard for blonde, blue-eyed Flo and decided to mend his ways and learn how to make an honest living.

Why, he even took Flo home to meet his mother.

He would marry Florence, live in a white house with a picket fence, acquire a dog and become a square john.

When he took Flo to church, everyone knew Walt had turned the corner.

Everyone except Flo's parents. They were convinced once a bad coin, always a bad coin. They forbade their daughter to see her boyfriend.

Under her parents' badgering she hardly ate a thing, grew despondent and finally became physically ill. Still, she would not give up Walt.

What were her respectable parents to do with the ungrateful girl?

They tossed her out of the house, that's what they did.

Walt explained the situation to his parents. They took Flo into their Decatur St. home.

The sickly Flo was not a big hit with Walt's parents. They hinted she might not be as ill as she let on. Even Walt's amour began to diminish.

When Flo suggested marriage, the once hot-to-trot Walt backed off.

Flo was in a bad way.

When Walt's folks asked her to leave their bed and board, she departed in a huff, shouting over her shoulder that if Walt didn't marry her, she would shoot him.

The romance flickered, but was not extinguished. Flo, having been kicked out of her own home and the home of her intended, took a room on West 45th St. in Manhattan.

A couple of times a week, Walt would call on Flo. They usually left the house early in the evening, returning about midnight.

Walt never slept over. You know what I mean.

Walt got into the fruit and vegetable game with a partner, Harry Cohen, and the business prospered in a minor way.

You would think Walt had enough on his plate to keep any man occupied. Not so.

Walt had another tasty morsel as a side dish. Her name was Ruth Dunn, a young lady introduced to him by Flo.

Walt spent most afternoons with Ruth, then dashed over to pick Flo up at her boarding house. Naturally, Flo learned about Walt's deception. She was fit to be tied.

Flo met with Walt and threatened to shoot him if he didn't marry her.

Walt related this nasty little exchange to his partner Harry, who wisely told Walt to watch out, because such women were dangerous.

On Friday, Feb. 14, 1902, Flo called at Walt's office and waited until he arrived late in the afternoon. Partner Harry Cohen was leaving the office.

Walt mentioned that Flo was taking a trip to Detroit and he was taking her out to dinner that night. The two men made an appointment to meet later.

Walt didn't show up.

About two hours after Harry left the young couple conversing in the company's office, a John Wilson and his wife registered at the Glen Island Hotel. They were assigned Room 12 on the third floor.

A bellboy with the great name of George Washington accompanied the couple to their room. Sometime later, George was sent to Room 12 with a glass of lemonade for the lady.

George was busy that night. Around midnight, as he passed Room 12 on another errand, he smelled gas and reported the odour to his superior.

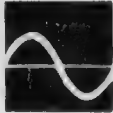
The clerk on duty entered Room 12 to find a man lying on the bed. The room was full of gas. The clerk quickly turned off two gas jets and sent for a doctor.

We will never know if the doctor was in his cups or the room was dimly lit.

He ministered to the stricken man, declared he was out of danger and should



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come around nicely.

The doctor had missed a tiny bullet hole behind the unconscious man's right ear.

Next morning, when the conscientious hotel clerk went to take a look at the patient, he found him dead. Papers in the dead man's pocket indicated his name was Walter Brooks, not John Wilson.

There wasn't much of an investigation. Walt's father said the murderer was Flo Burns. Walt's mother said the murderer was Flo Burns. Walt's partner, Harry Cohen, said the murderer was Flo Burns.

After police heard all the stories, they too believed the murderer was Flo Burns. Flo was arrested that same day.

Police went about building their case. Detectives had found an ornate comb in Room 12. Walt's mother claimed it was the very same comb worn by Flo when she was convalescing.

The star of the show was bellboy George Washington. He swore he had seen the woman in Room 12 twice on the night of the killing and that the woman in question was Flo Burns.

Flo appeared to be well on her way to Sing Sing's electric chair. But once his own flesh and blood found herself in the shadow of the electric chair, Flo's daddy rallied to her side with high-priced lawyers.

Defense counsel pointed out if everyone in Flatbush who threatened to kill a lover went through with the dastardly deed, the population of the city would diminish dramatically.

As for that incriminating comb, thousands of similar combs were in use in New York at any given time.

George Washington was taken over the coals. He admitted the woman in Room 12 had worn a veil. He thought she had a dark complexion. He also admitted he wasn't absolutely positive it was Flo.

Defense attorneys also pointed out the murder weapon had not been recovered.

More important, the prosecution had failed to place Flo Burns in Room 12 with the murdered man.

The presiding judge found there was not enough evidence to connect the defendant with the crime. He ruled Walter Brooks was murdered in Room 12 of the Glen Island Hotel by person or persons unknown.

Flo left the courtroom free as a bird. No-one was ever convicted of shooting Walter Brooks behind the right ear.

Flo didn't do that well after her acquittal. By 1910, she had been married twice. Her first marriage had ended in divorce. Her second was to a man ironically named Edward Brooks. She and her hubby were convicted of extortion in 1910 and were sentenced to seven years and five months in Sing Sing.

Upon her release from Sing Sing, Florence Burns Brooks disappeared from public view.

Illustration: photo

Young Florence Burns had warned lover Walter Brooks she would shoot him if he ever left her. Some believe she followed through on her threat.

Bad Predictions

Man will not fly for 50 years.

Wilbur Wright, American aviation pioneer, to brother Orville, after a disappointing flying experiment, 1901 (their first successful flight was in 1903).

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Kinmount Winterfest

by Lynne Kilby

Now that the new Kinmount Arena is back in full swing for the season, the community looks forward to Kinmount Winterfest, a long-standing event that was missed for the past 2 years. Winterfest takes place Saturday, February 14 with events held at both Kinmount Community Centre and Kinmount Fairgrounds.

Festivities begin with a pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Kinmount Community Centre. Indoor and outdoor events take place all day long at Kinmount Fairgrounds beginning with public skating and a skate-a-thon at 11:00 a.m. Participants in the skate-a-thon are raising funds for youth activities in Kinmount. To participate in the skate-a-thon call 488-2919. To register to play in a "Snow Pitch Tournament" call 488-9954. Sleigh rides and pony rides begin at noon along with Taffy on Ice, Beaver Tails and a Chilli Contest. To enter the Chilli Contest call 488-1419. An adult vs. children hockey game takes place at 1:00 p.m. Also featured are hockey skills and chuck-a-puck competitions. Ongoing through the day there will be a bonfire, tobogganing, races, games, activities, food and refreshments, with public skating at several different intervals.

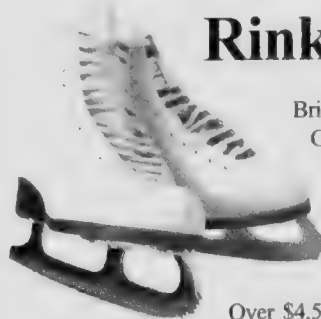
Winterfest winds up with a Valentines Dance from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., at Kinmount Community Centre. This age of majority event features live music by J.L. Avis & the Barn Burners. Proceeds from the dance go to Kinmount Minor Sports. Kinmount Winterfest is presented by Kinmount & Area Business Association, Kinmount Lions, Kinmount Minor Sports and Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development.

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Heidi found employment in Haliburton as an account manager in



the Client Services department of Patient News Publishing. "There are so many wonderful, encouraging people that work at PNP, I quickly found myself with two jobs." Almost daily the demand for Heidi's hairstyling services has increased, prompting her to focus on her passion and again open her own salon. Enjoying the quiet and tranquility of her new home Heidi thought it was the perfect place to work from, and HW Hairstyling will be located at 195 Ridgeview Rd. You will be pampered in the comfort of Heidi's home salon with the latest styles in cuts, colours, full foils and facial waxing.



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Heidi would like to thank her husband Derek (who is originally from Haliburton), Gloria Barnum, and Teresa Johnston for being instrumental in getting her new salon up and running. She would also like to thank everyone

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Teams of howling dogs will compete from across Ontario, Quebec and the United States in an attempt to win the \$10,000 purse, the richest in Ontario dog sled derbies. This year as dogs fly out of the starting gate, reaching speeds up to 30 km/hr, a local program that serves families in Haliburton County will be assisted.

A percentage of profits made at the derby's food tent, sponsored by Nutrum, a subsidiary of Maple Lodge Farms will go directly to SIRCH Community Services & Consulting's Healthy Children Program. The Healthy Children Program was established in August 2008 to increase the ability of high risk and low-income families to access healthy food.

"Haliburton County has the highest poverty level in Ontario. Many families are trying to feed a family on \$200 a month which equals out to \$6.50 a day. For a family of four it's a real challenge to eat nutritiously," says Gena Robertson, Executive Director of SIRCH Community Services and Consulting.

Currently the Healthy Children Program has created a number of initiatives to address these needs in the community. An example is The Chef of the Month in which a local chef is challenged to devise a day's meal plan for \$6.50. The chef then creates a meal within the community and talks about the challenges she/he faced.

Through the program SIRCH has also established a community kitchen located at the Adult Learning Centre in Haliburton. A number of dedicated volunteers meet bi-weekly to prepare healthy, low-cost meals that can be canned or frozen. Soups, chilies, stews and pasta sauces are then distributed to the 34 families that SIRCH currently supports.

October saw the start of The Lunch Box Program where shoppers at Haliburton's Foodland purchase a mock lunch box for \$4.99. This money then goes directly to SIRCH to buy healthy lunch food like fresh fruit, fresh vegetables, yogurt, and whole wheat bagels.

"Many of the families that currently use the program are victims of the current economic crisis, suffer from generational poverty or have no support or few community resources," says Nancy Brownsberger, a social marketer at SIRCH Community Services and Consulting.

In past years Delta Pinestone ran the food and beverage tent at the annual Dogsled Derby as part of their normal operation. In 2008 Pinestone generously allowed SIRCH to take over this part of the operation and use proceeds for their community programs.

This proved to be very successful and in 2009, Delta Pinestone again approached SIRCH, but this year with a corporate sponsor, Nutrum who would staff the food tent and provide all food and materials.

Kevin Wyer, General Manager at Delta Pinestone noted that supporting SIRCH was a natural choice as the organization has strong community values. He stated that the partnership is part of a new direction that Delta Pinestone is taking.

"If we don't look after our community there's no way for us to be successful," says Wyer.

As families join in fun and food at the Nutrum tent they can have the satisfaction that their enjoyment will add to the well-being of children in our community.

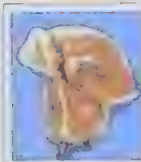
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Do You Have Tax Efficient Income?

with Susan Lee

It is every person's legal right and duty to arrange their affairs to pay the least amount of tax legally possible. In planning investment strategies, taxpayers can and should restructure their income and profits in a tax-efficient manner.

As I discussed in the last issue, splitting income between couples moves the tax cost from the spouse with the higher tax bracket to the spouse with the lower tax bracket resulting in less income tax being paid by the couple. It will also create more wealth by limiting claw backs of social benefits like the OAS and refundable and non-refundable (ask your accountant) tax credits.

Special rules called the Attribution Rules must be observed in income splitting. However, effective strategies can be built around these rules. It is generally not possible to transfer income to a spouse, for example moving a gic at maturity into your spouses name, without triggering the Attribution Rule, which requires the resulting income to be reported by the original owner of the asset even though the T5 slip is no longer in their name.

By using corporate class mutual funds as an investment solution, more tax-efficient income for the whole family can be the result. This is because of the structure of corporate class funds, which provides:

- The ability to defer capital gains taxes on disposal of the funds (a transfer between funds with the corporate class (unlike with regular mutual funds) is not considered to be a selling of the funds and therefore does not trigger any tax.
- The ability to convert highly taxed interest income into capital gains. (Income-gated funds retain interest income within the fund rather than paying regular distributions. Investors seeking income can set up an automatic withdrawal plan, and the withdrawals are taxed as capital gain
- The ability to allow investments to grow faster by deferring income tax on income earned to a future year when funds are withdrawn, no annual T5 or T3 to have to add to your tax return.

One way to transfer money to a spouse and not trigger the Attribution Rules is to draw up an investment loan between the spouses for the transfer of the money. Here are the requirements:

- Draw up a formal demand note outlining terms of the repayment
- Pay interest at the Canada Revenue Agency's prescribed rate each year by January 30th of the following year.
- The higher income earner claims the interest income paid to them by the lower income earner.
- The resulting income earned on the money is claimed and taxed at the lower income earners tax rate.

If the lower-income spouse uses the transferred funds to invest in corporate class funds, then the strategy becomes even more successful. That's because, as noted above, corporate class funds tend to generate tax-efficient capital gain income (only 50% of the gain is added to your taxable income) and tax on income earned is deferred to a future date when funds are withdrawn.

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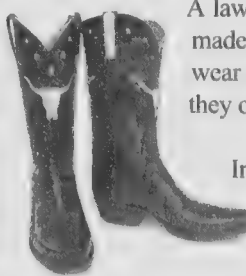
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An old law in Memphis, Tennessee, required that anyone ordering pie in a restaurant had to eat it all on the premises!



A law in Blyth, California, made it illegal for people to wear cowboy boots unless they owned two cows!

It was once against the law in California to set a mousetrap with out a hunting license!

In Alaska, it's against the law to look at a moose from a flying vehicle!

First Flight Fly-In



100 years ago on February 23, Canadian aviation history was made.

It was the time that Canadian aviation pioneer, John McCurdy, piloted the Silver Dart over the ice covered Bras d'Or Lake near Baddeck, Nova Scotia.

To commemorate this event, the Haliburton/Stanhope Municipal Airport is sponsoring a winter fly-in event and also an invitation for local school kids to help celebrate this milestone in a creative way.

On Saturday, Feb. 21 and Sunday, Feb. 22, the First Flight Fly-In will be held. At this event, Southern Ontario pilots are invited to pilot their own aircraft over the ice covered lakes of the Haliburton Highlands. Then touch down on land at the Haliburton-Stanhope airport for a hot chocolate and a bowl of chili.

'Canadian Aviation-The First 100 Years'. Students will either draw or write about something to celebrate our aviation heritage. Prizes will be given out in each grade category and include a family one-day pass to the National Aviation Museum in Ottawa or to the Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton.

All entries were submitted by Friday, Feb. 6 and all contest rules have already been distributed to local schools.

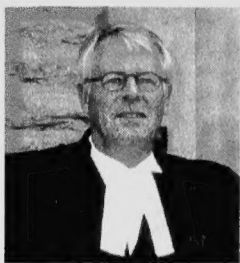
For more information contact John Packer at 705 754-2611 or by email at airport@halhinet.on.ca.

Interesting info:

The frame and structure of the Silver Dart (the name of the plane) that McCurdy flew, was made of steel tube, bamboo, friction tape, wire, and wood. The wings were covered with rubberized silk balloon-cloth. It was pretty advanced for its time:

- Was able to take off under its own power, by utilizing a three wheel undercarriage (now used almost universally by all general aviation aircraft).
- Used a water cooled 40HP engine.

However, the most important contribution and innovation was the ailerons. Previously (with the Wright brothers design) in order to turn the plane the entire wing was twisted. McCurdy along with the Aerial Experiment Association devised the aileron "method" of controlling the airplane. McCurdy "considers this to be Canada's outstanding contribution to aircraft development".



Lange on the Law

Donald Lange

by **Donald J. Lange**
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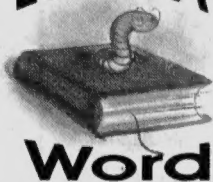
Old Mortgages

Everyone knows that there are things that you do when you are young that need some undoing when you get older. I won't talk about most of those things, just about legal things. You are young back in the 1960's and want to go back to the land. You buy a piece of land in Haliburton in 1965, maybe it is waterfront or maybe not. You are young and you do not have a lot of money. You buy the property for \$7,000 but you only have \$4,000 in your bank account. The vendor likes you and agrees to take back a mortgage for \$3,000 which gets registered on title to your property. You dutifully make the monthly mortgage payments to the vendor, as mortgagee, whom you have come to know personally. When you make the final payment you mail the mortgagee a note saying that this is the last payment, please write me back confirming that the mortgage has been paid in full. You get the letter from the mortgagee and file it away.

Decades go by. You build a cottage on the property. More decades go by and you finally decide to sell it in 2009. Your lawyer checks the title to the property and finds that the 1965 mortgage is still on title to your property. The lawyer tells you that you cannot sell until the mortgage is discharged (removed) from title to the property. The lawyer and you try to contact the mortgagee so that the mortgagee can simply sign discharge papers. However, the mortgagee is deceased. What can you do to discharge the mortgage? In order to discharge the mortgage, your lawyer must make a special application to the court. An application of this kind typically must prove two things. Firstly, you must explain to the court the reason you are not delivering the court papers to the mortgagee. In your case, the mortgagee is deceased so the proof is easy. In other cases, you may have to demonstrate the steps you have taken to locate the mortgagee. Secondly, you must prove to the court that the mortgage has been paid off. In your case, this is easy because you have the written confirmation. In other cases, you may have bank statements or cancelled cheques to help prove that the mortgage has been paid off. Once you obtain the court order, your lawyer will have to register it on title to your property before the mortgage is considered discharged.

In the next column, I will be talking about good Samaritans.

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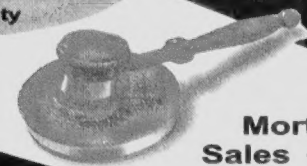
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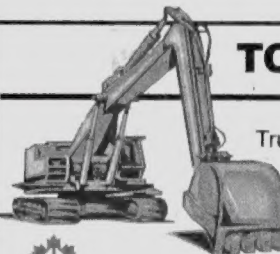
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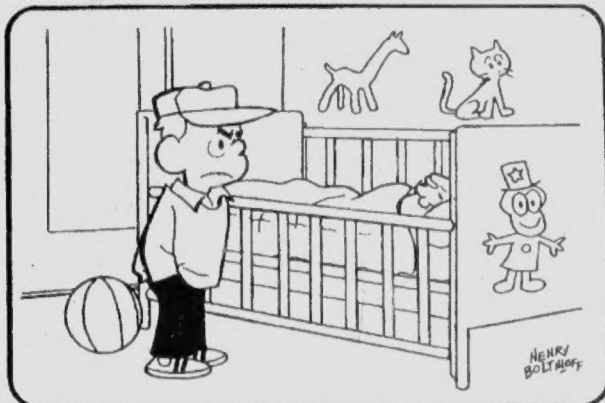
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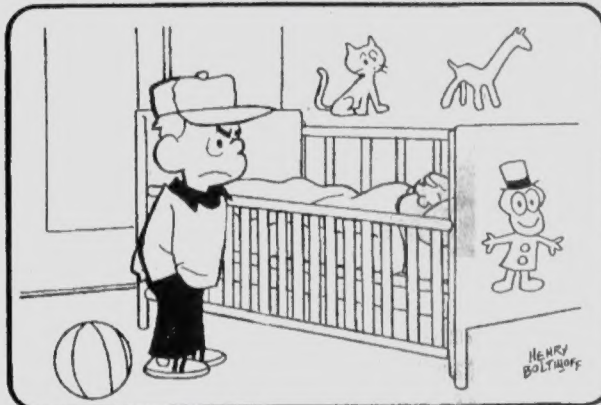
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Strange BUT TRUE

It was noted American journalist, essayist, satirist and critic of culture H.L. Mencken who made the following sage observation: "Strike an average between what a woman thinks of her husband a month before she marries him and what she thinks of him a year afterward, and you will have the truth about him."

There was a time when cartoon character Fred Flintstone appeared in ads for Winston cigarettes.

In an anthropological study once conducted in Papua New Guinea, it was found that one in three adult deaths were the result of homicide. And it seems that those murdered were often targeted because they were suspected of practicing sorcery.

In today's troubled economic times, you might not be surprised to learn that in his famed "Devil's Dictionary," Ambrose Bierce defined a corporation as "an ingenious device for obtaining individual profit without individual responsibility."

According to estimates made by United Nations researchers, approximately 25 languages became extinct in 2008, meaning the last native speaker had passed away.

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